Liquor shops.

185. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) the total number of liquor shops, toddy shops and foreign liquor shops licensed in the Cochin State and existing on the first of Mithunam 1103;

(b) and to others whether inside or outside the State;

2. the number of such shops that are allowed in the year 1104;

3. the total quantity of arrack supplied to the shops from the distillery in 1103 up to the 1st of Mithunam 1103; and to others whether inside or outside the State?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(1.) (a) Vide answer to question No. 69 (1) of the last Budget Session.

(b) Nil.

2. Vide answer to question No. 69 (2) of the last Budget Session. The number of F. L. shops in 1104 is 46.

3. Vide answer to question No. 69 (3) of the same session.

Salt peons at Railway Stations.

186. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—1. Will the Government be pleased to state the period for which salt peons are generally posted for duty at Railway Stations;

2. whether there are any peons in the service who have not as yet been posted to such duty;

3. whether there are peons who are more than 2 years old at the self-same station and if so the names of those peons with their service, station and period of detention there with reasons for putting them in the same place;

4. how long the peon at Mullurkkara Railway Station at present has been serving there with his service in the Department;

5. whether there is any objection in transferring such peons from a station which has no fair passenger traffic to other stations of more passenger traffic?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—1. Six months in the ordinary course.

2. Yes.

3. Yes, one person Palavasam Pillai of the Trichur Railway Excise Post. Service—21 years 4 months and 22 days. Posted there from 1st Makaram 1098. He is continued there at his own request.

4. From 1st Dhanu 1102. Total service—29 years 1 month and 13 days.

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5. Transfer is made on grounds of the exigencies of service and not on the ground suggested.

Petitions from Salt Contractor.

187. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if orders have been passed on petitions of the late salt contractor Mr. Arunachalam Chettiyar referred to in question No. 11 of the Special Session of 1104; if so, what are the orders;

(b) what are the recommendations on these petitions by the Head of the Department concerned;

(c) have any remarks been made by any of the Diwans of the State on these petitions; if so, what are the remarks?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) Orders have not been passed.

(b) and (c). Government regret that they cannot publish the correspondence.

Preparation of the Local Audit Manual.

188. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Finance Member be pleased to state the urgency for the preparation of a Manual of instruction for maintaining uniformity of procedure in Local Audit, and what would have happened if the deputation for the preparation of it was made from the 1st Karkadagam instead of Edavam 1103?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Vide answer to question o. 77 of the Budget Session of 1103.

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